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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	2140.0020001/LEA/ALF
First Inventor	Jie CHENG
Title	Optimized Auction Commodity Distribution System, Method, and Computer Program Product
Express Mail Label No.	

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents
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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 51]

(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 18]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]

- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program

(Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)

11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

14. ☒ Two (2) Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. ☒ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. ☒ Other: Authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No: 10/366,719
Prior application information: Examiner: To Be Assigned Group/Art Unit: 3625


For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

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Application Number	To Be Assigned
Filing Date	HEREWITH
First Named Inventor	Ji CHENG
Examiner Name	To Be Assigned
Art Unit	To Be Assigned
Attorney Docket No.	2140.0020001/LEA/ALF

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$1,942.00

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1502	50	2052	25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1105	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$750.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 84 - 20** = 64	X 18.00	= 1,152.00
Indep. Claims 3 - 3** = 0	X	= 0.00
Multiple Dependent		=

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
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1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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Mail Stop Patent Application

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. To Be Assigned; Filed: HERewith
(Continuation of Appl. No. 10/366,719; Filed February 14, 2003)
For: **Optimized Auction Commodity Distribution System, Method,
and Computer Program Product**
Inventors: CHENG *et al.*
Our Ref: 2140.0020000/LEA/ALF

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Optimized Auction Commodity Distribution System, Method, and Computer
Program Product**

and naming as inventors:

Jie CHENG
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the application consisting of:

- a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
 - b. A copy of the executed Declaration for Patent Application, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 10/366,719;
 - c. A specification containing:
 - i. 24 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 26 pages of claims (84 claims); and
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract; and
 - d. 18 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-18); and
4. Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i);
 5. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
 6. Recordation Form Cover Sheet (Form PTO-1595);
 7. An original executed Assignment to **Power Information Network, LLC**, official recordation and return of which is hereby respectfully requested;
 8. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$1,942.00 to cover:
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NONPUBLICATION REQUEST UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)	First Named Inventor	Jie CHENG
	Title	Optimized Auction Commodity Distribution System, Method, and Computer Program Product
	Attorney Docket Number	2140.0020001/LEA/ALF

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

August 4, 2003
Date

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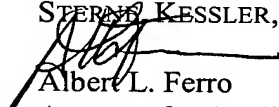
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